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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: Kazuaki SUZUKI; Yasushi MAEDA and  
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For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE  
JOINT STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A  
BUILDING

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-eight (28) pages
- ☒ Twelve (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-121839 filed in JAPAN on April 25, 2003.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)  
☒ An assignment of the invention  
☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)  
☒ Other: Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)  
☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee  
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